

(b) the period within which the work is proposed to be completed ;

(c) if so, the reasons for not commencing the work of the tanks so far ?

A.—Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Rs. 1,29,000 for restoring Agaradakere and Rs. 97,000 for restoring Maddurkere.

(b) About two years.

(c) These works were put to tender and tenders have been received. The works will be started after the tenders are approved by competent authority.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಕೆಂಪಮ್ಮ.—ಯಶಂದೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಗರದಕೆರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮದ್ದೂರುಕೆರೆ ಈ ಎರಡು ಕೆರೆಗಳ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ, ಅವುಗಳ ಪೂರೈಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

† ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಚ್. ನಾಗನೂರ.—ನಾಥ್ಯವಾಗಬಹುದು.

CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS THE ARKAVATHI RIVER IN MAGADI TALUK.

*Q.—291. Sri T. D. MARANNA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have received any representation from the people of Magadi and Nelamangala Taluks praying for the construction of a bridge across the Arkavathi river near Varthur village, Magadi Taluk ;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the construction of this bridge will facilitate the travelling public as this road connects Nelamangala, Magadi and Bangalore South Taluks ;

(c) whether it is a fact that an estimate was prepared in this respect after necessary survey and other formalities by Public Works Department and if so, the estimated amount may be furnished ;

(d) the stage at which the said work is now pending and the reasons therefor ?

A.—Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes ; the cost then estimated was Rs. 83,000. The revised estimate amounts to Rs. 94,000.

(d) Further investigations in connection with the selection of an alternative site had to be made. The estimate is now under technical examination.

Sri T. D. MARANNA.—In answer to (d), it has been stated that “further investigations in connection with the selection of an alternative site had to be made”. Are Government aware that this further examination of an alternative site is in respect of some other bridge ?

† Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—We were in search of a suitable site. Now we have finalised. A bridge at Bettahalli near Nelamangala is finalised. An estimate for same has already been prepared at a cost of Rs. 94,000 and sanctioned on 27th August 1960.

Sri T. D. MARANNA.—In answer to (b), it is stated “Yes”. The question (b) is whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the construction of this bridge will facilitate the travelling public as this road connects Nelamangala, Magadi and Bangalore South Taluks. When they have said “yes” in answer, where is the question of re-examination of the alternative site ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—It is a question of locating a suitable site for the bridge. That is a consideration for locating the bridge.

Sri T. D. MARANNA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that tenders were called for the construction of Varthur Bridge on 13th March 1961 ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—No tenders were called for.

Sri T. D. MARANNA.—In view of the fact that tenders were called for on 13th March 1961...

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Deputy Minister has stated that tenders have not been called for.

Sri MOHSIN.—Sir, I wish to put the question on behalf of Sri Maqsood Ali Khan.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes. You have authority.

INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY PRIMARY EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

*Q.—311. Sri F. H. MOHSIN [on behalf of Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN (Bidar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they intend to introduce compulsory Primary Education in the state ;

(b) if so, when ;

(c) what are the age limits fixed for the purpose ;

(d) whether a village-wise or town and city-wise census of children has been taken ;

(e) what concrete steps the Government intend to take to provide education to the boys of the linguistic minorities in their own mother tongues ?